



Arizona Department of Public Safety

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Arizona Department of Public Safety seizes over 13,000 pounds of Marijuana during the month of May

A number of traffic stops made by Highway Patrol Officers with the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) along with seizures made by Detectives assigned to the agency's Criminal Investigations Division resulted in the confiscation of over 13,110 pounds of marijuana during the month of May.

The traffic stops and seizures were made at various locations throughout the state.

"Many of these drug seizures came about through the efforts of well trained Officers with the assistance of DPS canines. In other cases Officers assigned to the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Bureau seized the marijuana. Additionally, thousands of pounds of the drug were confiscated as a result of ongoing criminal investigations. DPS continues to make a difference every day by getting narcotics off the street and arresting the drug couriers that try to get their product through the state," said Roger Vanderpool, Director of the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

The largest seizure made by DPS during the month came on May 2 when 4,135 pounds of marijuana was seized from a semi tractor trailer that had been stopped on the northbound lanes of I-17 north of Phoenix.

As a result of the Arizona Department of Public Safety's tireless effort to dismantle and disrupt the criminal organizations that manufacture, grow, transport and sell illegal drugs, communities in Arizona and across the United States are becoming safer places to live.

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